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TARRANT COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT

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North Richland Hills Six-Year Old Set To Receive Congressional Honor for 9-1-1 Call Awards Ceremony to occur at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in Washington D.C.

On July 20, 2004, Taylor Duckworth dialed 9-1-1 to get help for her mother because something was “the matter with her tummy.” When her mother collapsed, Taylor did the right thing and dialed 9-1-1. During the course of the 9-1-1 call, Taylor told the dispatcher that her mother was pregnant and about to have a baby. She then unlocked the house for the paramedics, all while caring for her two-year-old sister. Taylor’s mother was transported by EMS to the hospital where it was determined that she had a tear in her uterus and internal bleeding. Taylor’s action saved two lives that day.

For her quick thinking and bravery, Taylor will travel to Washington D.C. to receive one of two “**Citizen In Action**” awards given by the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus.

The Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus was formed as a joint initiative of its four co-chairs, Senators Conrad Burns (R-MT) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Reps. John Shimkus (R-IL) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA) to educate lawmakers, constituents and communities about on E9-1-1 and emergency communications issues.

Taylor was nominated for the award by the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District, which honored Taylor and three other Tarrant County youngsters in September 2004 as local 9-1-1 Heroes during 9-1-1 Awareness Week. “We are proud to have Taylor representing the Tarrant County area on Capitol Hill,” said Bill Munn, executive Director of the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District and second vice-president of the National Emergency Number Association. “While in D.C., she will meet with Representative Kay Granger (R-TX) and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX).” Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT) will present the “**Citizen In Action**” award to Taylor.

“Taylor is a perfect example, to young and old alike, of how to react in the initial stages of a crisis,” said Alisa Simmons, manager of 9-1-1 public education for the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District. “She remained calm, called 9-1-1 and described the emergency to the calltaker as well as answered all of the dispatcher’s questions.”

What: Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus Awards

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Location: Library of Congress - Jefferson Bldg - 101 Independence
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